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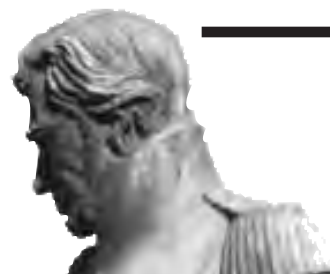
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Big night out

Family-friendly event set for Wednesday

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

Next week, Fort Jackson residents will get a chance to put names with faces and see the different service people who work to keep the neighborhoods safe.

Fort Jackson's National Night Out is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday on Hilton Field. Law enforcement and on-post organizations are coming together to bring Soldiers, families and civilians a night of information and entertainment.

"The nationwide event is held each year

to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve," said Maj. David Kerr, Police Operations Chief with Fort Jackson's Directorate of Emergency Services. Fort Jackson DES will join with Columbia Police, Richland and Lexington County sheriff departments and the S.C. Highway Patrol to teach attendees about crime prevention and remaining safe in various situations, while showcasing emergency service capabilities.

"This is a great opportunity for people to come out and socialize and meet their neighbors," said Alana Youngblood, Balfour

Beatty Lifeworks Coordinator. "Just because you live on post doesn't mean you are safe. We all have to work together to make our neighborhoods safer. That's what this is about."

The event will begin with a law enforcement parade through the housing area that will end on Hilton Field.

"We will have lots of toys out on the field for people to see," Youngblood said. "There will be two helicopters, a crime scene simulation for kids to go through and K-9

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Best in show



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

A row of vintage cars and trucks fill the parking lot at Fort Jackson's annual Autocraft Car and Bike Show Saturday. The event drew more than 100 entries this year. During the event, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff also served free refreshments to attendees. See story, photos Page 19.

Put your cell phone in the glove box

I am hoping that it is clear to everyone what Fort Jackson’s policy is in regard to the use of cell phones when driving on post. If you are not tracking, it might end up costing you \$75 (a \$50 ticket and \$25 processing fee) as well as some embarrassment if you are pulled over and ticketed by the Military Police.

The rules for cell phones, in general, forbid motorists from using a cell phone while driving on post, whether they are driving privately owned or government vehicles. The exceptions are using your cell phone coupled with a hands-free device or using the cell phone when the vehicle is safely parked. There are, of course, special exceptions for emergency responders.

I could go into detail and explain the specifics for electronic devices and so forth, but that’s not the purpose here. If you need more information or further clarification, I am sure our safety office or our Military Police would be more than willing to square you away and answer any questions you might have about our regulations.

My intent is to argue some common sense and hope that it helps you keep your head in the game when you are operating a motor vehicle. Motorists need to be fully engaged when driving. The more a driver is focused on the road and what’s going on around him or her, the better. Remember, there are no second chances after an accident has already occurred.

Research supports that motorists who are talking on

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. MILANO
Fort Jackson Commanding General



the phone are four times more likely to become involved in an accident than drivers who are not on the phone. The risks for motorists who send text messages while they drive are at least double.

Let’s talk about texting for a minute, a growing cause of driver distraction on our nation’s highways. Texting is probably the most popular form of wireless communication. As you know, texting is strictly forbidden while operating a vehicle on post.

Texting from behind the wheel is as bad — if not worse — than driving while being alcohol-impaired. There was a recent study that showed that the reaction time of someone texting was slower than the reaction time of someone who was legally drunk.

Meanwhile, another study concluded that texting while driving could make the risk of crashing 23 times higher than the risk of a non-distracted driver becoming

involved in an accident. Conclusions from studies, as you know, are always subject to debate, but in this case, the thing that’s indisputable is that texting is a distraction. That’s just plain common sense. It’s a given. If you are texting, then part of your attention is on your cell phone and not on driving.

Good discipline pays dividends when it comes to safety. Fort Jackson’s roadways are highly congested, not only with vehicles but we also have Soldiers marching, cyclists and pedestrians. Our drivers, whether military or civilian, need to set the standard.

Many experts hold the position that cell phones should be put away while driving. Turn the ringer off and put the cell in the glove box. The phone will be close enough in case there is an emergency, but it will be far enough away in case you were tempted to make a quick call.

Drivers would be wise to refrain from using their cell phones while driving, even where it is legal to do so and even when using hands-free equipment. All of us need to understand the risks and realize they are simply not worth taking. In the meantime, tough laws, strong enforcement and public awareness seem to be working in helping drivers come to that realization.

Understanding the situation should not be that difficult, however. It’s a matter of exercising good judgment after applying some common sense.

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Culture of excellence



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Col. Ramona Fiorey, Moncrief Army Community Hospital commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Williams sign a banner signifying the hospital’s commitment to have a “Culture of Excellence.” A proclamation for Patient and Family-Centered Care was also read.



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Post civilians receive recognition

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Three Fort Jackson civilians recently received honors recognizing their work not just for the past year, but throughout their careers.

Rebecca Barron, with Moncrief Army Community Hospital, was recognized as both the 2011 Southeast Regional Medical Command's and Warrior Transition Command's civilian Social Worker of the Year; Kathy Kelley, also with MACH, received the Lt. Col. Karen Wagner Leadership award; a Medical Command civilian human resources leadership award; and Donald Copley, director of training for the Recruiting and Retention School, was selected to participate in the DoD's Executive Leadership Development Program.

For Barron, her awards really symbolize a team effort.

"This award really is for everybody; all the cadre," she said. "There's no way I could have gotten this award without the cadre. They enable me to do the kind of social work I want to do."

Barron has been a social worker since 1993 and a clinical social worker for nine years. She has been with Fort Jackson's Warrior Transition Unit for a year. As a clinical social worker, Barron holds a mas-



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ter's degree in social work and a clinical license equivalent to a behavioral health specialist. She acts as a sort of liaison between the warriors she serves and behavioral health.

She said she was surprised to have received the award.

"My heart has never been this full," she said.

Barron said she strives to make sure that each Soldier who walks through the WTU's doors gets plugged in right away, whether a Soldier requires behavioral health service or not.

"I want to know every warrior who walks in here. I really do try to know each of them."

Kelley, chief of MACH's Civilian Personnel Branch, said that receiving her

award at the AUSA conference in San Antonio was a complete shock.

"I didn't know that I had been nominated," she said. "It was a nice surprise, a real nice surprise."

Only two civilians throughout the Army Medical Command received the award, which is named after Lt. Col. Karen Wagner, a MEDDAC human resources officer who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Kelley, who has 40 years in civil service, has worked at MACH since 1987.

"I have been very fortunate throughout my career," she said. "I have had great jobs, great bosses, great co-workers and great opportunities."

For Kelley, receiving the award is a culmination of a career's worth of work.

"For someone to take a few minutes of

(her) time to nominate me, and for me to receive (the award) ... she said. "This is the best award I've ever received, to get something like this ... that's quite an honor."

Copley, who has been at the Recruiting and Retention School since 2005, is ready to join two Soldiers and seven other civilians as they embark on their 10 months as part of the DoD's Executive Leadership Development Program. Throughout the next several months, 10 people from each of the armed services will engage in an intense program that will have them in locations such as Africa and Afghanistan as they learn more about what it means to be a DoD leader.

"That I was one of eight chosen is a pretty prestigious honor," Copley said, adding that more than 200 applied.

He said that he hopes to get a broader look at how things operate on a DoD scale. Participants will be hosted by each service, and will have a chance to experience what each has to offer, such as scuba diving with the Navy and flying with the Air Force. "I'm happy to be accepted, but I'm really not sure what I signed up for," he said.

Having deployed twice as a civilian, Copley said that he is ready for the challenge. The program runs October through June.

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Back-to-school focus of town hall

By **CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**
Fort Jackson Leader

New changes are on the horizon for Fort Jackson. Col. James Love, garrison commander, will host a Town Hall Meeting 6 p.m., Aug. 2 in the Solomon Center to address a few of those.

Back-to-school will lead the topics, which include an early release plan for Fort Jackson schools. School representatives will be present to discuss the specifics.

Details about Common Access Card availability for spouses and retirees will also be discussed. Information on programs and opportunities for Fort Jackson personnel will be shared by Directorate of Human Resources, Fort Jackson Liaisons, MEDDAC, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Directorate of Emergency Services and Fort Jackson Schools. Free food and child care will be provided on site, so all family members are encouraged to attend.

"We only do this twice a year, so we would love to see as many people from the community there as possible," said Lewis Kellam of Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security. "We also encourage people to send us your questions so that we can make sure we address any concerns. We want everyone to have a chance and get their voices heard."

Questions can be emailed to Jackson_townhall_questions@us.army.mil

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Silent retreat



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

A drill sergeant observes as Soldiers fold the flag after retreat in front of Post Headquarters.


Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ Nominate any well-kept yards for Yard of the Month. Send nominations to Alana Youngblood at 738-8275 or email ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com. Self-nominations are also welcome.
- ❑ The sprinkler systems in the housing area are set on timers and monitored by the landscaping company. Residents are asked not to alter the times on the sprinklers. For questions about the system, call the work order desk at 787-6416.
- ❑ Pets are permitted to be outside unattended for short periods of time and in fenced areas only. They must have proper, food, water and shelter. If you see a pet outside for long periods of time, report it to the Community Management Office immediately.
- ❑ Residents who would like to have a satellite installed must obtain an alterations request form from the Community Management Office and dig permit from the Directorate of Public Works in advance. Upon filling out the alterations request, the CMO will provide instructions where the satellite dish can be installed.
- ❑ Want \$100? Refer someone to move on post and receive \$100. Contact the Community Management Office at 738-8275 for details.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 411 homes have been completed.
- ❑ A total of 888 homes have been demolished to date.
- ❑ Families living in the senior noncommissioned officer housing area are asked to enter and exit via Capers and/or Owens roads. Mills Road to Brown Avenue is now accessible.
- ❑ Painting, interior and exterior work are in the final stages in some senior noncommissioned officer areas. In other SNCO areas, framing, roofing and electrical work continues.



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Adults: \$4.50
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Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Lt. Col. Glen Blumhardt, right, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, thanks retired Col. Charles Currey for loaning items he collected throughout his 32-year military career to the battalion. Col. Craig Currey, left, Fort Jackson’s deputy commanding officer and son of Charles Currey, looks on.

2-39 puts history on display

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment dedicated two mementos from the Vietnam War for public display July 21 in a ceremony at its battalion headquarters building.

The items, a Viet Cong SKS rifle and a regimental Viet Cong flag, are on permanent loan to the battalion from retired Col. Charles Currey. Currey, the father of Fort Jackson’s deputy commanding officer, Col. Craig Currey, obtained them during his tour in Vietnam as a member of the Military Advisory Command in 1969 and 1970.

Charles Currey said he recovered the items in the Vinh Binh province after a particularly heavy fight.

“The regimental flag meant a lot to me,” he said. “(The enemy) killed over 100 people there that night. That was a bad situation to be in.”

Lt. Col. Glen Blumhardt, commander

of the 2-39th, said it was important to him to have historical items like those on display. He said he hopes it gives young Soldiers an appreciation of the 39th Infantry Regiment’s history, which encompasses three major conflicts — World War I, World War II and Vietnam.

“To know where you’re going, you have to understand where you’ve been,” Blumhardt said. “We’re just beyond appreciative that (Charles Currey) would trust us with these memories of places where he’s been at a time in his life that he’ll never forget. He’s allowed us to take care of (the items) for him, so we can put them on display.”

Blumhardt said he also feels a personal connection to the items and the history they represent.

“My father did a couple of tours in Vietnam and we have a very similar rifle in our household that he brought back,” he said.

He said that personal connection enhances his appreciation for the display.

“It represents memories, it represents people and faces that (the veterans) will never see again,” he said. “You understand the weight and the gravity of what someone’s given you when you perhaps have a little personal association with it. It makes it all the more special.”

For the Currey family, the decision to put the items on display was an easy one, Craig Currey said.

“The idea was (the display) would go to 2-39 where troops could see it. The only stipulation was to put it up where somebody can see the things, (that they) wouldn’t just get stuck in a filing cabinet,” he said. “We wouldn’t want something like this thrown in a drawer somewhere.”

Craig Currey, a former commander of the 2-39th, said the family was never interested in profiting from the items.

“We could have sold those things and made some money, but we really didn’t care,” he said. “It was better for troops to see the stuff.”

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News and Notes

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SET

An open house for C.C. Pinckney Elementary School is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m., Aug. 11 at the school. The open house will include parent introductions and classroom presentations. Teacher assignment packets will be issued in the lobby, and parents may bring school supplies to leave in the classroom. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school liaison and Child, Youth and School Services will also be on hand.

WIC PROGRAM OFFERS SERVICES

The Fort Jackson Women, Infant and Children, or WIC, office is available for use by active duty and Reservists on active duty. Eligible recipients include those who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or parent of a child younger than 5. Recipients must also meet income and other requirements. Call 751-5281 or 576-1350 for more information. Walk-ins are also accepted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The office is located at 4556 Scales Ave.

COMMUNITY EXPO SCHEDULED

Jackson Jubilee, an information expo that will include both on- and off-post agencies, is scheduled for 3 to 7 p.m., Aug. 8 at the Solomon Center. The expo is sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

CYSS PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

The Child, Youth & School Services before and after school program registration is now open. Registration is open to kindergarten age through 12th grade. All CYSS-eligible patrons (military, DA civilians, contractors, etc.) can register. Registration hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at CYSS Parent Central in the Joe E. Mann Center. Call 751-4865/4824 for more information.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS

Summer registration for the 2011-2012 school year is 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday Aug. 10.

Registration will resume 9 a.m., Aug. 16. Students registering that day will begin school the following day. For more information, call 787-6815 or 782-1772.

Documents required for new registration include:

- ☐ Copy of certified birth certificate
- ☐ Current orders and military sponsor ID card
- ☐ Proof of immunizations
- ☐ Housing lease agreement or letter from housing, verifying family is on waiting list
- ☐ If sponsor is a step-parent, marriage license, spouse's ID card or verified DEERS form is required.

Age requirements are as follows:

- ☐ Pre-K: must be 4 on or before Sept. 1
 - ☐ Kindergarten: must be 5 on or before Sept. 1
 - ☐ First grade: must be 6 on or before Sept. 1
- Registration packets may be picked up any day during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 787-6815 or 782-1772.

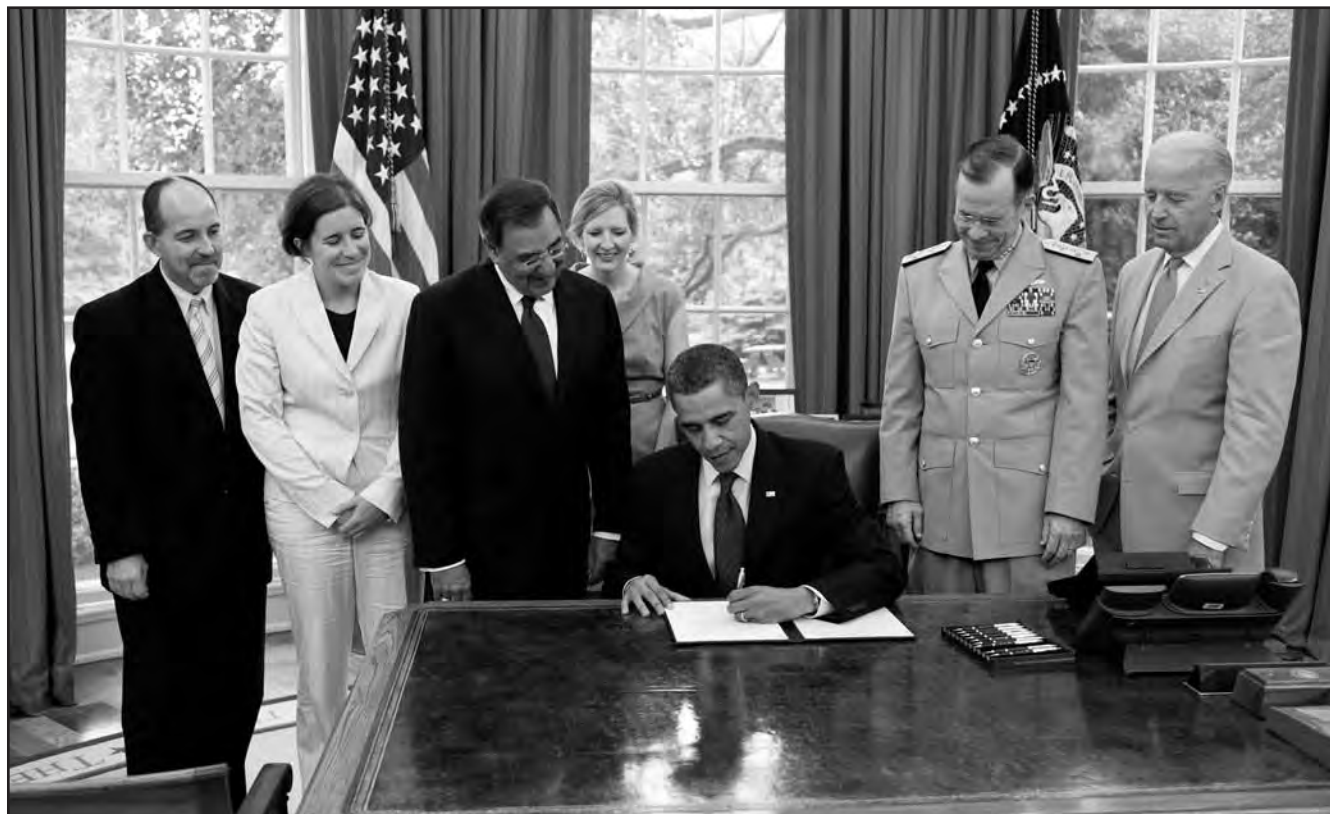


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President Barack Obama signs the certification stating the statutory requirements for repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" have been met Friday in the Oval Office. Also pictured, from left: Brian Bond, deputy director of the Office of Public Engagement; Kathleen Hartnett, associate counsel to the president; Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta; Kathryn Ruemmler, counsel to the president; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen; and Vice President Joe Biden.

Sept. 20 official end to DADT

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Based on recommendations from military leaders, President Barack Obama has certified to Congress that the U.S. armed forces are prepared for repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

There is a 60-day waiting period before the repeal goes into effect, so the law will officially come off the books Sept. 20. After that date, gay service members can be open about their sexual orientation.

The president signed the certification and delivered it to Congress Friday.

Congress passed the repeal law in December. The legislation gave the military time to prepare the force and said repeal would happen only after the president, the defense secretary and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certified the force as ready for repeal.

The Defense Department chartered a repeal implementation team to coordinate the necessary changes to policy and regulations, and to provide education and training to service members.

The team worked to ensure the smoothest possible transition for the U.S. military to accommodate and implement this important and necessary change, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said.

"Today, as a result of strong leadership and proactive education through-

out the force, we can take the next step in this process," the secretary said. "The president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and I have certified that the implementation of repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention of the armed forces."

Panetta said he believes the repeal is essential to the effectiveness of our all-volunteer force.

"All men and women who serve this nation in uniform — no matter their race, color, creed, religion or sexual orientation — do so with great dignity, bravery, and dedication," he said in a written statement on certification.

Panetta pledged to support a military free from personal, social or institutional barriers that prevent service members from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant.

"They put their lives on the line for America, and that's what really matters," he said. "Thanks to the professionalism and leadership of the U.S. military, we are closer to achieving the goal that is at the foundation of America — equality and dignity for all."

The services put together training courses for the force and more than 1.9 million service members have now received that training. DoD and service officials also looked at regulatory and legal changes that repeal entailed.

"I am comfortable that we have used

the findings of the Comprehensive Review Working Group to mitigate areas of concern, and that we have developed the policy and regulations necessary for implementation — consistent with standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a written statement.

Certification is not the end of the road. The department, the services and the combatant commands must work "to train the remainder of the joint force, to monitor our performance as we do so, and to adjust policy where and when needed," Mullen said.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law went into effect in 1993. It allowed gay and lesbian personnel to serve in the military as long as they were not open about their sexual orientation.

On Feb. 2, 2010, Mullen testified to that Senate Armed Services Committee that he believed it was time to repeal the law.

"It is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do," Mullen told the senators. "No matter how I look at the issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens. For me, personally, it comes down to integrity — theirs as individuals and ours as an institution."

Leyte native graduates a Leyte Dragon

By **CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN**
Fort Jackson Leader

In an interesting twist, one graduating Soldier from the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment found that she had a unique connection to the unit: the unit's moniker, the Leyte Dragons, got its name from the battle fought in her hometown.

"My town is five minutes away from the beach where the battle was fought," said Pvt. Genievev Sims, who graduates from Basic Combat Training today. "In the Philippines, joining the Army is a positive thing, and I'm looking forward to serving and learning new things."

In 1944, the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines marked the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific during World War II. Fort Jackson's 1-34th fought during the battle, and performed so courageously that the unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for valor and became known as the Leyte Dragons.

Sims, who was a pharmacist in the Philippines, moved to Maryland from the Philippines in 2008 and worked at a staffing agency. She saw the opportunity to learn more in the Army, so she enlisted.

"My family was very worried about me joining the Army because I am so shy, but they still supported me," Sims said. The support from her family back home is not just in thoughts or words. Her mother, Calypso Noger, traveled from the Philippines to celebrate with Sims this week.

"I had four layovers on the plane to get here. I went from Leyte to Manila, Manila to Narita, then to Minneapolis and finally to Buffalo, New York," Noger said. "We drove down here from Buffalo. I came just for this, there's no way I would have missed this for her."

Noger said she noticed a change in her daughter immediately after she completed training.

"When I saw her in uniform I couldn't believe it. I see so much courage in her that I never saw before and she has so many friends now."

Sims was introduced to the Army at an early age, according to her mother.

"Back home, we have a celebration every Oct. 20 to mark the landing of MacArthur on our beach," Noger said. "When she was little, her dad used to put her up on his shoulders so she could see all the planes and ships in the water for the celebration. Now she's the one in the Army, but she's still my little girl. I'm so proud of her."

Sims' drill sergeant, Staff Sgt. Daniel Rocks, said the Soldier has made a transformation worth celebrating.



Photo by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN

Calypso Noger, left, congratulates her daughter Pvt. Genievev Sims, Company D, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, during her daughter's naturalization ceremony Wednesday. Sims is a member of the Leyte Dragons battalion and hails from Leyte, Philippines.

"This is a tough transition for all Soldiers. But, when she first got here, she was very timid and barely spoke," Rocks said. "Now she jokes around with everybody else and does all the right things that she is supposed to do." Sims said the training has been fun and very challenging. "I've really enjoyed basic so far and I'm very thankful to my drill sergeants. Without them, I could not have made it this far."

The connection between her hometown and her battalion has brought Sims a little bit of comfort during her time training at Fort Jackson.

"It was good to hear them talk about Leyte. I do miss

it. I miss my family and the work I used to do there," Sims said. "But I want to try all of the new experiences here. I want to serve in the Army and see if I can pass the pharmacy exam here so that I can change my military occupational specialty to be a technician like I was at home."

Sims became a naturalized U.S. citizen in a ceremony Wednesday and will begin her training as a food service specialist at Fort Lee, Va. Rocks said that Sims is prepared to achieve her military goals.

"She's got a good head on her shoulders, and she's driven. She will do well out there in the Army."

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NCO renders aid to injured motorcyclist

Name
Sgt. Robert Babcock

Unit
Company B, 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment

Military occupational specialty
68W, health care specialist

Hometown
Palmer, Alaska

Hobbies
Working on his car, computers, building model aircraft

On his way home from a family outing July 3 with his wife and two sons, Sgt. Robert Babcock came across an unexpected scene in a suburban neighborhood.

"I came around a corner, saw two cars in the road and I thought I'd seen somebody's arm sticking out to the side," he said. "I said, 'I have to stop.'"

Babcock, who works as a medic at Fort Jackson's high-risk ranges, found out that a motorcycle and car had collided and that the motorcycle rider was hurt.

"She was bleeding profusely from the mouth and nose. ... I jumped out, grabbed my little (first aid) bag, went over there, tried to identify myself to her ... and was just trying to do my rapid trauma assessment on her. She messed up her mouth pretty badly," Babcock said.

Babcock, who said he always carries a first aid kit in the car, was able to stabilize the woman until emergency responders arrived.

"I put a (cervical) collar on her, because I had one of those in my trunk, and then was trying to open her airway, get the blood out of the way so she wouldn't aspirate it," he said.

During his three deployments as a combat medic to Iraq, Babcock said he has seen his share of trauma patients, and helping a person in a situation like that is second nature to him.

"If I see somebody who's hurt, no matter what, I'm going to stop and help — whether it's on the side of the road here, in Iraq, whatever," he said.

Babcock, 39, originally enlisted in the Army in 1992, but left only four years later because of the Army's drawdown at the time. He went to college to become a nurse, but quickly found out that nursing was not a good fit for him.



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Sgt. Robert Babcock served as a combat medic during three tours in Iraq. His training recently helped him render aid to a wounded motorist.

"I really didn't want to be a nurse. It was not for me," he said. "I was much more focused on emergency medicine."

He decided to re-enter the Army in 2000 and served as a line medic until he came to Fort Jackson in 2010. He said that although his wife, Stephanie, who is a sergeant with the 369th Adjutant General Battalion, has encouraged him to get an assignment at a hospital, he prefers to be in the trenches.

"It feels like I'm doing the most for the most amount of people in the shortest amount of time," he said.

Babcock, a self-described trauma junkie, said he is likely to continue to work as

a paramedic after his Army career is over.

"If you talk to anybody in the medical field who works trauma, they look at it like a drug. Once you start liking to take care of trauma (patients), it never gets out of your system," he said. "You get a charge out of it, because you know you're making a really big impact on this person's life, potentially saving (his or her) life, depending on the situation that you're in."

He said the Army value that best epitomizes combat medics is selfless service.

"You have to be able to put yourself in danger to help somebody else," he said. "It's what a line medic does."

— Reporting by Susanne Kappler

The NCO Creed



No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I

am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army."

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role.

All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

Paying respects



Photo by JULIA SIMPKINS, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Sgt. 1st Class Desmond Peacock and Master Sgt. Leigh Michel, chaplain assistants, render salutes at a memorial service at Magruder Chapel for Staff Sgt. Clevon Charlton, who died June 30. Charlton served until May as a chaplain assistant with the 165th Infantry Brigade.

National Night Out fosters community relationships

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demonstrations.”

Balfour Beatty will provide free popcorn, face painting, balloon art and glow necklaces at the event. Fort Jackson family readiness groups will have food and drinks available for purchase. The proceeds will directly benefit the units stationed at Fort Jackson.

The surrounding community is also giving prizes to Fort Jackson families during National Night Out. Children can receive free school supplies from Fort Jackson’s newest chapter of Operation Homefront.

“We became an official chapter on May 19, so this is our first event,” said Sharon Rice of Operation Homefront. “We have 15 printers to give as door prizes, along with a two-night stay at a

““ We all have to work together to make our neighborhoods safer. That’s what this is all about.”

— **Alana Youngblood**
Balfour Beatty

Myrtle Beach resort. Families can register online for school supplies between now and (Monday) to pick them up that night.”

Rice said the school supplies were donated through the Dollar Tree stores in the Columbia area

from shoppers who wanted to give back to military families.

“This is the community’s way of saying thank you to Soldiers and their families so it is a great night to come out and be a part of the fun.”

To register for school supplies, visit: www.operationhomefront.net/sc. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Joe E. Mann Center located at 3392 Magruder Ave.

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NEC Signals

Fort Jackson’s email users and units should implement the following tip to ensure a smooth transition of applicable Microsoft Outlook Public Folders as the Network Enterprise Center begins migrating to Enterprise Email. The transition is slated for the end of August.

What is an Outlook Public Folder? Public folders are an effective way for users or organizations to collect, organize and share information with others. Public folders may contain any type of items such as email messages, appointments, contacts, tasks, journal entries, notes, forms, and files, etc.

Does your organization use Outlook Public Folders? Confer with your unit G6(s)/IMO(s)/IASO(s) first if you do not know. If the organization does use “Outlook Public Folders” then, use the following step within Outlook:

Outlook Public Folders:

❑ With Outlook open, look at the bottom tray on the left side of your Outlook window navigation pane.

Select the “Folder List” icon on the bottom tray.

❑ Scroll down to “All Outlook Items” on the left side of your Outlook window navigation pane. You will see “Public Folders.”

❑ Click on “Public Folders” and then click “All Public Folders.”

❑ Scroll down and click on “Jackson Public Folders.”

❑ Scroll down to your organization and select it.

❑ Scroll down the list of folders to find your organizational folder(s).

At this point if you or your organization still uses any of these folders, you should start working immediately to find an alternative location via your organizational IT support personnel. Alternate locations during enterprise email migration can be satisfied via SharePoint, shared drive folders, Jackxxx@mail.mil group mailboxes or AKO Utility Accounts.

Contact the Customer Management Branch at 751-4298 or *Lashanda.Howard@us.army.mil*.

Homelessness grants target veterans

By **DONNA MILES**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs Monday announced nearly \$60 million in grants aimed at preventing homelessness among veterans and their families, with particular focus on veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced the awards, the first to be presented through VA's new Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. The grants will go to 85 nonprofit organizations in 40 states and the District of Columbia to serve an estimated 22,000 homeless and at-risk veterans and their families.

"This new homeless prevention program will provide additional comprehensive support to veterans who have served honorably, and now find themselves in a downward spiral toward despair and homelessness," Shinseki said. "This program expands our capacity to act before a veteran becomes homeless and to target the problem of family homelessness."

Shinseki, a retired four-star general who served as Army chief of staff, came to his VA

post in 2009 insisting that no one who has served the United States in uniform should ever end up living on the streets. With backing from President Barack Obama, he committed to ending homelessness among veterans by 2015.

VA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated in 2009 that 76,000 veterans were homeless on a single night. Of those, fewer than 10 percent were veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, said Pete Dougherty, VA's senior policy adviser on homelessness.

So far this fiscal year, VA has provided health care or housing to 140,000 veterans determined to be homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or who were homeless but have returned to permanent housing, Dougherty said. That includes services for 10,476 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

To meet the 2015 deadline for eliminating veteran homelessness, Shinseki championed a plan that provides not just beds,

but also services such as education, jobs and health care to address the root causes of homelessness.

The SSVF program is an example of that multipronged effort, VA officials explained.

“We don't just do a Band-Aid approach. Once we fix the problems, we work with families to provide preventive support ...”

— **Jim Howat**
Veterans Affairs

over their heads, the grantees also provide outreach and case management services and help participants obtain additional VA and public benefits.

Volunteers of America of Los Angeles, which works to end homelessness there, is among the recipients of the initial SSVF grants.

Of about 70,000 homeless people living on the streets of Los Angeles County, VOA officials estimate that more than 20 percent are veterans.

A retired Navy lieutenant, Jim Howat, who serves as the organization's director of program development, admitted to having a particular "soft spot" for homeless veterans.

Howat expressed concern that L.A. is seeing more veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan slip into homelessness. Many are Reservists and National Guard members who have difficulty readjusting to civilian life after deployments. Readjustment problems often become financial problems, which can lead to homelessness and family problems, he said.

To prevent this cycle, Volunteers of America offers programs to help homeless people get into permanent housing, as well as programs to help them avoid slipping back into homelessness.

"We don't just do a Band-Aid approach," Howat said. "Once we fix these problems, we work with families to provide preventive support so they are able to stay in that housing."

The VA grant will go a long way in supporting housing initiative, as well as support programs for veterans and their families, Howat said.

"We know we can put the money to work to make a difference," he said.

Retirement review



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

Retired Soldiers were honored during a ceremony Wednesday at Post Headquarters. From left: Maj. William Wood, Maj. David Kerr, 1st Sgt. Daryle Freeman, Master Sgt. Jodi Johnson, Sgt. 1st Class Sedric Thurman, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hughes, Sgt. 1st Class Fred Styles, Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Soza, Staff Sgt. Brian Villcock, Sgt. 1st Class Troy Owens, Staff Sgt. Mary Forte and Sgt. 1st Class Donald Hutchinson.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt. George King
Company D
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Katelynn Geisinger

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Aron Gooch

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Matthew Lane

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Allen Gharibian



Staff Sgt. Moises Padilla
Company E
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Dominique Jiminez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Carlos Aponte

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Leonardo Rodrigues

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Jane O'Leary



Staff Sgt. Cynthia McKnight
Company F
1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Justin Newcomb

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Tyler Murphy

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Joseph Zona III

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Faith Evans

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
2nd Lt. William Edwards

SERVICE SUPPORT
Richard Oxydine

DFAC SUPPORT
Nancy Childers

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Training honors



Sgt. 1st Class Devon Riddick
Platoon sergeant of the cycle
369th Adjutant General
Battalion



Staff Sgt. S.D. Williamson
Instructor of the cycle
369th Adjutant General
Battalion



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Moots
Honor graduate
Adjutant General
Warrant Officer
Advanced Course



Staff Sgt. Rick Blair
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company E,
Task Force Marshall



Staff Sgt. Aaron Bradley
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company A,
Task Force Marshall



Staff Sgt. Phillip Nation
Drill sergeant of the cycle
Company C,
Task Force Marshall



Sgt. 1st Class Brian Kimes
Instructor of the cycle
187th Ordnance Battalion

187th ORDNANCE BATTALION HONORS

CADRE OF THE CYCLE
Staff Sgt. Curtis Esterline

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATES
Pfc. Louis Vandergriff
Pfc. Frederick Schoolfield



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and Victory Updates
at <http://www.vimeo.com/user3022628>

ACS Calendar of Events — August

MONDAY, AUG. 1

☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 2

- ☐ **Relocation planning (stateside workshop)** — 10 to 10:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ☐ **H&R Block income tax seminar** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. Information on the upcoming free 6-8 week training course.
- ☐ **EFMP family night out** — 5 p.m.; Chick-fil-A, Decker Boulevard
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

- ☐ **Newcomers’ orientation/tour** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Post Conference Room
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **Child safety class** — noon to 2 p.m.; Main Post Chapel
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas move brief** — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 213
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

- ☐ **Job searching using the internet and interview techniques** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; location to be announced; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care
- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

MONDAY, AUG. 8

- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

- ☐ **Career exploration workshop** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Education Center, Room B-110
- ☐ **EdVenture outing** — 5 p.m.; 211 Gervais St.; cost is \$1 per person; open to the public; call 751-5256
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

- ☐ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

- ☐ **Intro to MS Excel** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; location to be determined; coordinate with the Employment

Readiness Program office for free child care

- ☐ **Stress management class** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St. Call 751-6325 to register.
- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **EFMP Bouncerific** — 4:30 p.m.; 921 Longtown Road; participants must be enrolled in EFMP; to RSVP, call 751-5256

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

- ☐ **Job interviewing workshop** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care
- ☐ **EFMP zoo outing** — 11 a.m.; 500 Wildlife Parkway; must be enrolled in EFMP; to RSVP, call 751-5256

MONDAY, AUG. 15

- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 16

- ☐ **Relocation planning (stateside workshop)** — 10 to 10:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library
- ☐ **EFMP bowling** — 4 p.m.; Century Lanes; participants must be enrolled in EFMP; call 751-5256 to register

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas move brief** — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 213
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

- ☐ **AFAP facilitator/staff support training** — 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Family Readiness Center
- ☐ **Intro to MS PowerPoint** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; location to be determined; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care
- ☐ **Anger management** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.; call 751-6325 to register
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Total Army sponsorship training** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ☐ **Hearts Apart back to school smash** — 6 to 8 p.m.; Solomon Center

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

- ☐ **Survivor Outreach Services 5K run/walk for the fallen** — 7 to 10 a.m.; Hilton Field Softball Complex

MONDAY, AUG. 22

- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room

222

TUESDAY, AUG. 23

- ☐ **Resume writing/interviewing skills workshop** — 8:30 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **1-2-3- Magic: Effective discipline for children 2-12 workshop** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call 751-6304/1071/6868 for more information
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

- ☐ **Job searching strategies** — 8:30 to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

THURSDAY, AUG. 25

- ☐ **Intro to MS Word** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; location to be determined; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care
- ☐ **Parent power** — 11 a.m. to noon; 5614 Hood St.
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 12:30 to 3 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Foreign-born spouses support group** — 6 to 8 p.m.; Family Readiness Center

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

- ☐ **Explore careers in the information technology field** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222; coordinate with the Employment Readiness Program office for free child care

MONDAY, AUG. 29

- ☐ **English as a second language conversation class** — 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

TUESDAY, AUG. 30

- ☐ **Family Readiness Group leader course, Day 1** — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Relocation planning (stateside workshop)** — 10 to 10:30 a.m.; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

- ☐ **Steps to federal employment** — 9 a.m. to noon; Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222
- ☐ **Family Readiness Group leader course, Day 2** — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Bright Honeybee Explorers play group** — 10 to 11:30 a.m.; call 751-1071/6868 for location
- ☐ **Phase II Levy overseas move brief** — 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Strom Thurmond Building; Room 213
- ☐ **English as a second language class** — 5 to 7 p.m.; Main Post Library

All ACS classes require registration and are subject to change. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/4862/6325.



Calendar

Today
AG Breakfast
7 a.m., NCO Club
The guest speaker is Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson. For tickets, call 751-1690/3160.

Monday and Tuesday
Garrison employee town hall meeting
2:30 p.m., Solomon Center

Monday and Tuesday
Military clothing reclamation sale
8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2570 Warehouse Row
The sale is open to service members and military retirees. Cash only. For more information, call 751-7213.

Tuesday
Installation town hall meeting
6 p.m., Solomon Center

Wednesday
National law enforcement night out
5 p.m., Hilton Field

Monday, Aug. 8
Jackson Jubilee information expo
3 to 7 p.m., Solomon Center

Wednesday, Aug. 10
Retired Officers Wives Club welcome coffee
10 a.m., Officers' Club
Registration is not required.

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Vacation Bible school for children 5-12 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug.

1-5 at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 751-6469.

INCOME TAX COURSE
A free six-week income tax preparation course for service members, family members and DoD civilians is scheduled to start in mid-August. An information meeting is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m., Aug. 11 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. For more information and to register, call 751-4862 or email *Barbara.Martin@us.army.mil*.

COMMISSARY GIFT CARDS
The Commissary offers \$25 and \$50 gift cards, which can be purchased at the store or online at *www.commissaries.com*.

AFAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are needed for the Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan conference scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. Volunteers will assist with facilitating, recording, transcribing, etc. Free training, child care and meals will be provided. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 751-6315.

KNIGHT POOL CLOSURE
Knight Pool will be closed until further notice for repair. All services and programs previously conducted at Knight Pool are now offered at Legion Pool.

JUVENILE CURFEW POLICY
The Fort Jackson Juvenile Policy has been recently updated. Children 14 and younger must be indoors from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 15 to 18 must be indoors from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and midnight to 6 a.m. on the weekends, unless accompanied by a parent

or guardian.
Violations of this policy should be reported to Military Police. Those who violate the policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.
Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.
Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil. For more information, call 751-7045.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

RESERVE OFFICER ASSOCIATION
The Reserve Officer Association, Department of South Carolina, Chapter Six has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m., Aug. 4 at Doc's Barbeque on Shop Road. For more information, email *Jeff.Vaughan@us.army.mil*.

DAY CAMP FOR MILITARY KIDS
Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services will host a day camp for military children 4-5 years old or entering Kindergarten. The camp is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Aug. 6 at the Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands, 500 Graycern St.
For more information, call (404) 988-1678 or email *Travis.McKinney@usar.army.mil*.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

Wednesdays
Kids craft corner
3 p.m.
RSVP by email to *ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com* or by calling 738-8275.

Fridays throughout August
Free popsicle Fridays
3 p.m.
Beat the heat with free popsicles every Friday in August.

Friday
Butterfly magnets
3 p.m.
Children 3-12 are invited to design an paint butterfly magnets. To RSVP, call Alana at 738-8275.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send all submissions to *FJLeader@conus.army.mil*. For more information, call 751-7045.
For information about classified advertising, contact Camden Media Co. at 432-6157. Classified ads may also be faxed to 432-7609.
For information about display advertising, contact Kathy at 786-5681.

The Leader welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should include the name and hometown of the writer. Letters should also include a phone number for verification purposes.



Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

This Chevrolet was one of 95 cars and trucks entered in Saturday's Autocraft Car and Bike Show.

Annual auto show draws record entries, attendance

Leader staff report

More than 100 entries were shown off Saturday during Fort Jackson's Annual Autocraft Car & Bike Show, now in its sixth year.

And at the end of the three-hour expo, overall winners were named in three categories: Charles Marshall won overall car with his vintage Ford; Danny James won overall truck with his 1968 Chevrolet Stepside; and Kennyatta Mack won overall bike with a 2008 Big Dog K9.

Kenneth "Fletch" Fletcher, Autocraft Shop manager, said this year's entries and spectators totaled the largest yet for the event.

"Overall, I think it was an ... excellent event," Fletcher said. "The reviews are so great, they want to do it again (this year)."

In addition to the 112 entries, hundreds of enthusiasts and family members came out to support the event.

Fletcher, who owns nine cars himself, including an award-winning 1954 Chevy pickup, said the show offers DoD ID card holders a chance to show off their vehicles.

"The car enthusiasts, we don't really cater to them but (for) one main event. There are beautiful cars all over the installation, but there's nowhere for the Soldiers to show them off."

That's why the self-described "car guy" decided to ask six years ago if the shop could host a show. It was an immediate success.

"They can't wait until we have this one-time event," he said.

Judges awarded prizes in several categories,



A spectator walks through the garage where several of the 12 bikes entered in this year's Autocraft Car and Bike Show are parked.

ies, including truck, late model, original and custom. Prizes for sports bike and cruiser were also awarded. This year, 95 cars and trucks and 12 bikes were entered. Fletcher

said the judges look for a variety of characteristics such as originality, cleanliness and customization during judging. Entry and admission to the show are free.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ❑ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
- ❑ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- ❑ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

FRIDAY

- ❑ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.
- ❑ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- ❑ Friday night special at **Ivy Lanes**. Games and shoe rentals cost \$2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to all permanent party service members.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- ❑ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.
- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excaltibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SUNDAY

- ❑ Try the new Sunday Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, which includes breakfast favorites and prime rib, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. First and third Sunday of the month. Special pricing starts at \$3.
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ❑ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available while they last.
- ❑ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
- ❑ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ❑ The NCO Club breakfast buffet is 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and is \$8 for adults.
- ❑ The Officers' Club specializes in wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.

Line of duty investigations explained

By 1ST LT. ALANA HINES

From the Legal Assistance Office

Summertime often means vacations and opportunities to go parasailing, skydiving, whitewater rafting and other exciting activities. But you may wonder whether you, as a service member, are allowed to engage in those activities. Understanding how the line of duty investigation process works may help you reach a decision when making your plans.

An LOD investigation is generally conducted when a Soldier acquires a disease, incurs a significant injury or is injured under unusual circumstances. The investigating officer is required to make one of three determinations concerning your status: (1) In the line of duty — not due to own misconduct; and (2) Not in the line of duty — not due to own misconduct; or, (3) Not in the line of duty — due to own misconduct. The classification is important because a service member receives full pay, allowances and benefits if the final determination is: In the line of duty — not due to own misconduct.

However, if the circumstances are determined to not be in the line of duty, the service member could suffer a complete loss or reduction in disability, retirement and severance pay, forfeiture of pay or extension of enlistment. It may also adversely affect the service member's eligibility for veteran benefits and benefits under the survivor benefit plan.

There is often confusion over what "in line of duty" means. This refers to a Soldier's duty status and not whether the injury occurred while performing military duties. A Soldier is "in the line of duty" when on an authorized duty status such as leave or pass. A Soldier is "not in the line of duty" if he or she is AWOL or a deserter at the time of the injury. If the injury is caused by the Soldier's intentional misconduct or willful

negligence, the IO may determine the Soldier's injury or disease to be "due to own misconduct."

"Willful negligence" is the conscious and intentional disregard to the proper degree of care required under the circumstances. While violation of a regulation is not itself considered misconduct, regulatory violations are considered in the IO's analysis.

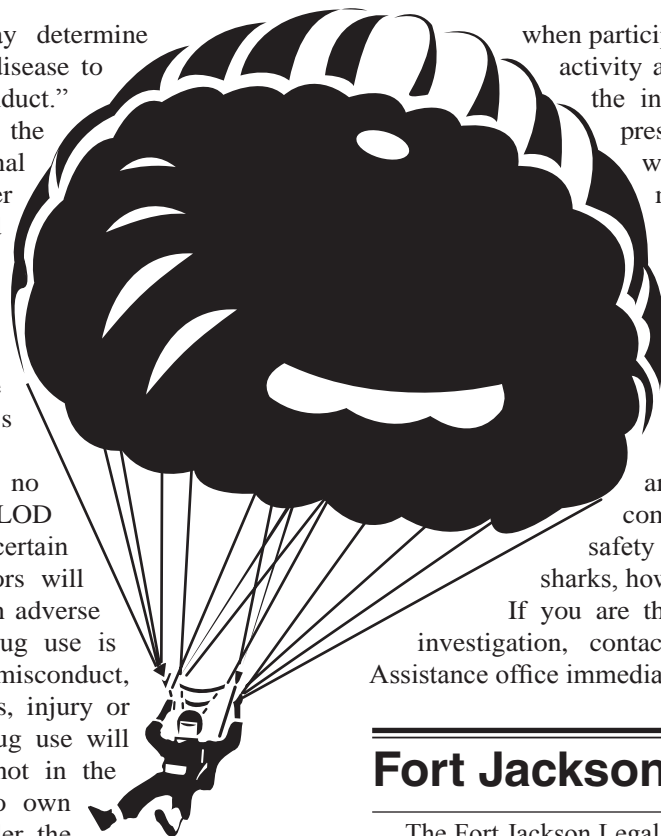
While there is no set formula for an LOD classification, certain circumstances and factors will almost always lead to an adverse LOD determination. Drug use is strong evidence of misconduct, and any resulting illness, injury or death caused by the drug use will be determined to be "not in the line of duty — due to own misconduct." Being under the influence of alcohol is another factor that will likely result in a finding of "not in line of duty — due to own misconduct." Finally, tampering with or handling explosives, firearms or highly flammable liquids, without regard their dangerous qualities, is also strong evidence of misconduct.

LOD investigations and determinations are not intended to inhibit Soldiers from participating in normal activities, including "adrenaline-seeking" activities. However, Soldiers should always exercise due care

when participating in any inherently risky activity and refrain from being under the influence of drugs (including prescription drugs) or alcohol when it would impair the member's mental or physical abilities to safely participate in any activity.

Can you go skydiving while on vacation and still be considered "not due to own misconduct" if you're injured? That is probably a safe bet, assuming you are going with a reputable company and following all safety precautions. Swimming with sharks, however, is not recommended.

If you are the subject of a line of duty investigation, contact the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance office immediately at 751-4287.



Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to eligible people.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney are accepted 9 to 11 a.m., Thursdays. Appointments are required for wills. The office is closed on federal and training holidays. The office is located at 2600 Lee Road.

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

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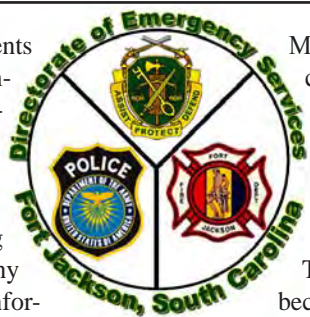
Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A Soldier was charged for interfering with the fire department after her vehicle impeded the travel of a firetruck during an emergency,



Military Police said. The Soldier was cited and released.

❑ A Soldier was cited for driving with a suspended license, suspended registration and driving without headlights after a traffic stop, MPs said. The driver, who was originally stopped because his vehicle's lights were not on, had his license suspended for cancellation of insurance, MPs said. The vehicle was towed from the installation.

❑ A civilian was cited for driving with a suspended license and lack of insurance after a traffic stop, MPs said. The civilian's license is suspended indefinitely, MPs said. The vehicle was towed from the installation.

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Family Life & Resiliency Center staff members provide counseling for individuals, couples, families and groups.

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To schedule an appointment, call 751-4961/4966.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center is located at 5460 Jackson Blvd., (behind the Strom Thurmond Building).



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Soldiers help lead Team USA to bronze

By **TIM HIPPS**
IMCOM Public Affairs

RIO DE JANEIRO — Air Force player Matthew McCraw scored 34 points and Army player Paul Nelson added 23 to lead Team USA to an 84-83 victory over South Korea for the bronze medal in men's basketball at the 5th Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games Sunday.

McCraw, of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, scored Team USA's last four points in the final 25 seconds to secure the hitting five of nine 3-pointers, and five of seven free throws.

McCraw was selected as the tournament's best shooting guard after averaging 19 points for eight games.

Six Soldiers and six Airmen came together for Team USA and went 7-1 in Rio de Janeiro by defeating Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM, World Champion South Korea, 76-68; Trinidad and Tobago, 74-54; Canada, 103-45; Cyprus, 93-54; silver medalist Greece, 82-76; and Qatar, 95-84; before losing 59-52 to gold medalist Brazil in the semifinals.

Host Brazil defeated Greece, 76-64, in the gold medal game.

Point guard Marcus Nelson, Army, of Fort Lee, Va., the leading shot blocker in United States Military Academy history and the NCAA Division I Patriot League's 2010 Defensive Player of the Year, set the tempo at both ends of the court for Team USA.

"Marcus Nelson was by far the best defender in this tournament. It wasn't even close," said Team USA assistant coach Capt. David Smith of Fort Knox, Ky. "He enabled us to pressure by stopping everyone's point guard. He is the consummate defender."

Paul Nelson, of the Michigan Army National Guard in Taylor, Mich., was the consummate reserve point guard coming off the bench for Team USA.

"We stuck together and came in and played hard today," said Nelson, who won three National Christian College Athletic Association Division II national champi-



Photo by TIM HIPPS, IMCOM Public Affairs

Cleveland Richard of Fort Lee, Va., drives for two of his 10 points during Team USA's 74-54 victory over Trinidad and Tobago at the 5th Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games in Rio de Janeiro. Team USA suffered its first loss of the tournament Saturday to Brazil, but won a bronze medal against South Korea Sunday.

onships at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Mich. "I'm happy with the win. I would like to have won yesterday, but Brazil is a pretty good team. I think we're a better team, but they had their night last night.

"We were seven and one, so I think that's a pretty good testament of our team. Just playing for the U.S. basketball team and representing America, I think that's an awesome experience. Sport brings a lot of people together, so this is a good way to get countries to get to know each other."

Army player Kevin Clark of Fort Bliss, Texas, had nine points, seven rebounds and three assists in the bronze medal game.

"This feels good for the country because

Team USA does not have many medals in these Games," Clark said. "Every game was hard, especially toward the end of the week, but everybody played and everybody contributed. We came together every game as a team and it was real nice to put this many countries on one stage.

"This is my first Military World Games," added Clark, who has competed in CISM and SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) basketball tournaments. "It was a unique experience. It was different because SHAPE and CISM mainly cater to your individual sport, but here we had all the sports, so we got a chance to mingle and meet with other athletes who are military."

"We don't normally see that in the States," he said. "We came here and saw track and field, swimming, shooting, parachuting — it was real nice. We had fun, we came together as a unit, and I'm just happy to be here."

Cleveland Richard, a 2010 West Point graduate from Houston who is stationed at Fort Lee, Va., scored seven points against South Korea.

"This was my first CISM, so it feels great to bring a medal back," Richard said. "We know we're wearing USA on our chests so we had to show that we have heart and give it all we had. Unfortunately, we lost the wrong game, but seven and one is a good way to go."

Sports shorts

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION UNDER WAY

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services Youth Sports runs through Aug. 31. Sports offerings are cheerleading, flag football, tackle football and soccer. Cheerleading is for ages 3-13 and has a \$40 fee. Soccer is for ages 3-18 and has a \$40 fee. Flag football is for ages 6-13 and has a \$40 fee.

Tackle football is for ages 7-13 and has a \$65 fee. Tackle football is divided into both age and weight groups: 7-8 with a maximum weight of 100 pounds; 9-10 with a maximum weight of 130 pounds; and 11-13 with a maximum weight of 160 pounds. Practice begins the week of Aug. 22. All games are played on Sunday afternoons. The first game is Sept. 25.

ARMY SEEKS ELITE ATHLETES

Active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are competitive on the national and international levels in any Olympic sport can apply for the Army World Class Athlete Program. The program allows Soldiers to train full time for a shot at the Olympics and World Championships. All applicants must be eligible to represent the United States in international competitions. Officers must be branch-qualified and enlisted Soldiers must be military occupational specialty-qualified. They must also demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team or U.S. Paralympic Team. Selection standards for each sport are listed at www.armymwr.com under Sports and World Class Athlete Program.



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Take precautions during extreme heat

From TRICARE Management Agency

So far this summer, the United States has experienced an increase in the severity, duration and frequency of extreme heat waves. Extreme heat causes a range of health effects, from mild (heat cramps, heat exhaustion) to severe (heat stroke, which can be fatal). Certain populations are especially vulnerable to these health effects, including the elderly, infants and young children, those with certain underlying medical conditions and those without air conditioning.

TRICARE reminds beneficiaries, their best defense against heat-related illness is prevention.

“With extremely high temperatures and humidity, it is important to stay hydrated and keep cool,” said U.S. Public Health Service Cmdr. Aileen Buckler, TRICARE population health physician. “If you have neighbors or family members who are elderly or who have medical conditions, checking on them and helping them cope with the heat can be lifesaving.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention list several tips for staying cool:

☐ Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of the activity level.

☐ Beneficiaries should not wait until they are thirsty to drink.

☐ Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

☐ Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

☐ Never leave anyone (including pets) in a closed, parked vehicle.

☐ If a beneficiary has no air conditioning, he or she should visit places that have air conditioning — shopping malls, movie theaters, public libraries, recreation centers or contact his or her local health department to see if an air-conditioned shelter is available.

According to the CDC, warning signs of heat stroke include:

☐ An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally)

☐ Red, hot and dry skin (no sweating)



☐ Rapid, strong pulse

☐ Throbbing headache

☐ Confusion

☐ Unconsciousness

Early signs to look for that mean that a beneficiary's body is becoming affected by the heat include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, dizziness, nausea and weakness. If a beneficiary or a family member has these symptoms, steps to take include:

☐ Go to the nearest urgent care facility

☐ Move into air conditioning or another cool place

☐ Lie down and rest

☐ Remove or loosen tight-fitting or heavy clothing

☐ Drink water or juices, but avoid alcohol and caffeine

☐ Apply cold water or cold compresses to their skin

☐ Call 911 or go to the emergency room if symptoms worsen or signs of heat stroke are present

TRICARE beneficiaries are reminded, the safest place to be during a heat wave is indoors where air conditioning is available. And limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours when temperatures are relatively cooler. To learn more about heat dangers and prevention, go to CDC's website, www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp.

New TRICARE program to aid wounded warriors

From TRICARE Management Agency

While in the recovery and rehabilitation process, wounded service members often wonder, “Will I be able to remain on active duty?” “Will I be able to find a job?” “How will I support my family?” Thanks to TRICARE's Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program and its assistive technology, injured service members have more options than ever.

CAP provides assistive technology accommodations to injured service members with dexterity impairments, communication and cognitive difficulties, and vision and hearing loss. This technology allows injured service members to participate in the workforce and/or continue their education even though they have sustained injuries while on active duty that limit their ability to interact with the electronic and information environments.

Service members in need of assistive technology can call CAP at (703) 681-8813 to discuss their specific needs. If a service member has already identified the appropriate tools, these can be requested online from CAP's website, www.cap.mil. If a service member is unsure of the tools available, or unsure which tools best meet her/his needs, there are different ways in which a needs assessment can be conducted. An appointment can be made for an assessment at CAP's Technology Evaluation Center (CAPTEC), a demonstration and assessment center, located in the Pentagon. Service members who are outside the Washington area can also receive a needs assessment via telephone or video teleconference.

In addition to providing these free accommodations, the program also covers the cost of installation and training for the assistive technology. Staff will provide follow-up to ensure the technology meets the user's needs. To access the online request forms for wounded service members, visit www.cap.mil/wsm.